ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

—OF THE—

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

North River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Bethlehem Church, Tuscaloosa County, Ala.,

September 24th, 25th and 26th, 1892.

OFFICERS.

W. B. APPLING, MODERATOR.....Jasper, Ala.
J. S. WATTS, CLERK AND TREASURER.....Day's Gap, Ala.

The next session will be held with Townley Church, Walker County, Ala, commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1893.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Read Constitution, Articles of Faith, and Rules of Decorum.
3. Presentation of Letters from the Churches.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Invite visiting ministers not delegates to seats.
7. Receive Correspondence.
8. Return Correspondence.
9. Appointment of Special Committees:
   - (1). On Religious Exercises.
   - (2). On Documents and Requests.
   - (3). On Nominations.
   - (4). On Finance.
10. Call for Report of Standing Committees:
    - (1). On Sunday-schools.
    - (2). On Temperance.
    - (3). On State Missions.
    - (4). On Home Missions.
    - (5). On Foreign Missions.
    - (6). On Education.
    - (7). On Religious Literature.
    - (8). On Vocal Music.
    - (9) On Prayer and Prayer Meetings.
    - (10). On Aged and Infirm Ministers.
11. Report of Treasurer.
12. Appoint Treasurer
13. Call for Report of Special Committee:
    - (1). On Documents and Requests.
    - (2). On Nominations.
    - (3). On Finance.
14. Call for Report of Executive Committee.
15. Appoint Standing Committees.
16. Miscellaneous Business.
17. Read Minutes, call Roll and Adjourn.

MINUTES.

The fifty-eighth annual session of the North River Baptist Association convened with Bethlehem church, Tuscaloosa county, Ala., on Saturday, September 24, 1892.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. James Hilton. Text: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."—John 15:16.

After preaching a recess was taken until 2 p m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 p. m. the delegates reassembled in the house. The former Moderator being absent, W. B. Appling was elected Moderator pro tem., and after devotional exercises the Association was called to order.

The Constitution was read by R. A. Baker, the Articles of Faith by H. G. Amerson, and the Rules of Decorum by J. F. Appling.

LIST OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES —ABSENTEES MARKED THUS*

Bethabara—W. B. Oakley, N. H. Harbin, P. M. Stewart.

Bethlehem—J. F. McDuff, D. A. Kemp, R L. Baker, J. W. Popwell, William McDuff.

Bethel—J. E. Kilgore, W. N. Kilgore, W. J. Jones.

Day's Gap—*J. H. Pool, *P. E Halbrook, S. W. Vice.

Jasper—R. M. Hunter, *J. W. Rogers, *William Randolph, W. B. Appling, G. D. O'Rear, J. M. Williams, J. F. Appling.

Lebanon—*A. Kilgore, *J. T. Jones, R M. Earnest, William Earnest, W. R. Thacker.

Liberty Grove—*J. Keeton, *W. V. Keeton, *J. M. Sides.

Liberty—James Hillton. *C. C. Collins, *C Jackson.

Mt. Joy—H. G. Anderson, R. A Baker, *Zack Moore, *W. B. Earnest, *Z. J. Anderson.

Mt. Zion—*William Patton, *A. J. Kimbell, James Patton and George Patton.

Mt. Carmel—Joseph Nations, J. A. Sumner, *Jas. A. Hyche.

New River—J. I. McCollum. *G W. Gardner, A. W. Killingsworth.

New Hope—J. W. Bagwell, F. M. Macey, *J. W. Fields.

Eldridge—*C. C. Kelley, Frank Barnard, *William Thoroughgood, *John Stubblefield.

Oregonia—C. C. Davis, *W. R. Utley, D. J. Utley.

Providence—J. R. Sartain, J. S. Watts, C. H. Day, Randolph Courington, *Wm. Cobb.

Pleasant Grove, W. C —*B. F. Thomas, *W. T. Rutledge, W. F. Fikes, *D. P. Killgore, *James Sparks, *W. H. McLane.

Pleasant Grove, F. C.—J. A. Wyres, J. H. Kitchens, *W. C. C. Brown.

Samaria—D. H. Clifton, James Gabbert, R. F. Sumner, *J. W. Garner, *A. L. Files.

Townley—J. L. Wright, E. L. Lankford, G. G. Bagwill, *J. F. Fikes.

Union Grove, No. 1—J. M. Thacker, J. M. Cannon, Shepherd Willcut.

Union—*R. Colbum, T. J. Colbum, *W. M. Omery.

The Association was permanently organized by the election (by acclamation) of W. B. Appling Moderator, and J. S. Watts, Clerk.

Then called for petitionary letters from newly constituted or dismissed churches, and the following named brethren came forward bearing letters and were received:

Mt. Hermon—Eld. L H. Baker, *A. D. Kimbrell, W. A. Kimbrell.
Carbon Hill—A. P. Smith, W. P. Cooper, *D. D Lucius.
Union W. C.—*L. Williams, J. A. Dees, Arthur Croker, R. T. Hardin.

Then invited visiting ministers not delegates to seats.

Received correspondence, to-wit:

From Tuscaloosa Association—C. E. Rice, J. T. Bealle, B. C. Sumner and J. H. Curry.
From New River Association—W. M. Olive, G. H. White.

On motion, any of our brethren bearing minutes are authorized correspondents to any of the sister Associations with whom we correspond.

Proceeded to appoint the following committees:

On Religious Exercises—Pastor and deacons of Bethlehem church, together with G D. O'Rear and N. H. Harbin.
On Documents—J. F McDuff, J I. McCollum, D. H. Clifton.
On Nominations—J. F. Appling, J. A. Sumner J W. Bagwell.
On Finance—R. A. Baker, G G. Bagwell, J. M Williams.

Called for report on Sunday-schools.

On motion, the report on Sunday-schools was set for Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES

We, your committee on Religious Exercises, appoint J. T. Bealle to preach at 7:30 to-night.

On motion, the report on Temperance was set for Sunday at 3 p. m.

Adjourned to meet Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Met at 9 o'clock pursuant to adjournment, and after devotional exercises was called to order.

The report on Sunday-schools was read, and after being discussed by James Hilton and others, was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sunday-schools, are happy to report that the Sunday-school interest is being manifested more than at any other period of our church history. We will not attempt to describe the growth and prosperity of the Sunday-school cause in the country, which we trust all Christian people have noticed and been encouraged. It is useless to say to the people who are interested in this work that it is the chief auxiliary of the church. In many instances it is the source of bringing people to Christ. There are many Sunday-school scholars who learn the great works, power and influence of God, and are made Christians, and hence become staunch supporters of the church.

We believe that there is need of greater zeal in the prosecution of this work. We cannot insist too strongly that every church in the Association have a Sunday-school, and that the officers and teachers exert their power and duty to build up and maintain their respective Sunday-schools.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. KELLEY,
F. M. MACKEY,
E. S. MCINTYRE,
Committee.

At 11 a. m. a missionary sermon was preached by Eld. R. M. Hunter to a large and attentive congregation. After which a public collection was taken for missions.

LIST OF PERSONS CONTRIBUTING.

G D. O'Rear, paid	$5 00	W. B. Appling, paid	$ 1 00
S W. Vice	5 00	D. H. Clifton, paid	1 00
V. P Knuckles paid	5 00	James Gabbert, paid:	1 00
J. F McDuff, paid	1 00	J F. Appling, paid	1 00
R M. Hunter, paid	1 00	William McDuff, paid	1 00
J. J McCollum, paid	1 00	J. S. Watts, paid	1 00
R. A. Baker, paid	1 00	J M Williams, paid	1 00
James Hilton, paid	1 00	E. L. Lankford, paid	1 00
D. A. Kemp, paid	1 00		
Amount collected			$29 00

Then a hat collection was taken amounting $11.15. Total amount collected for missions, $40.15. Adjourned to meet at 3:30 p. m.

At 3:30 p. m. met pursuant to adjournment, and after devotional exercises, called for report on Temperance.

The report was read, and after being discussed by R. A. Baker and others, was adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance, ask leave to report:

The legalized liquor traffic, as developed by modern civilization, is one of the most prolific sources of sin the world has ever known. To faithfully portray its dreadful consequences is an impossibility; the facts are too startling for belief, its figures too vast for comprehension. The laboring man sinks under his burden, not knowing whence the cause. Would we lower our taxes, we have only to lower our drink bills; would we banish hard times, we have only to banish the saloon. We are allowing ourselves to be robbed of brain and muscle, of character and of life, to the end that a despisable class of foreign liquor dealers may feast upon the spoils of our American homes—a degraded business in every sense—and destructive of everything pure, beautiful and good. There is not an inch of neutral ground on a question of right and wrong. We are for or against, and before God and our fellow men, we stand so recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. BAKER, Chairman.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock Monday morning. Preaching at 7 p. m. by Eld. J. H. Curry.

MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Met at 8 o'clock pursuant to adjournment, and after devotional exercises was declared ready for business.

Called for delegates bearing letters from their churches who failed to arrive on Saturday.

Bro. S. W. Vice came from Day's Gap with letter, which was read and received.

Received Eld. J. W. Furgason as correspondent from Sipsey Association.

On motion, the hour of 11 o'clock was set for a funeral sermon of a little child of Bro. H. I. and sister S. E. McDuff, by R. M. Hunter.

The following resolutions were offered, discussed and adopted; but an amendment to the same was lost:

Resolved, 1. That we try to raise for missionary purposes the coming year $500, to be divided as follows: State Missions $300, Home Missions $100, Foreign Missions $100.

Resolved, 2. That this shall in no sense be regarded as a tax, but a request that the churches try to raise this amount.

Resolved, 3. That a committee of five be appointed to apportion the amount to the churches, and their report be printed in the minutes.

Adjourned for preaching the funeral of Bro. McDuff's child. The service was an impressive one.

EVENING SESSION.

Met at 1 o'clock pursuant to adjournment, and after devotional exercises, was called to order.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on Apportionment: G. D. O'Rear, L. H. Baker, W. F. Sides, D. H. Clifton and J. F. McDuff.

On motion, all the reports on Missions were read, and after being discussed jointly by R. M. Hunter and others, were adopted.

On motion, speeches on missions were limited to ten minutes each.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, your committee, learn from our Corresponding Secretary's report to the last State Convention, that from the increased liberality of the churches the board employed a larger number of missionaries, whose reports show a year of earnest and successful work. Sufficient funds were in hand to pay all these missionaries to October 1, 1891.

The number of baptisms reported, the meeting houses finished and in course of construction, and the amount of money collected in the field by the missionaries, all show improvement of a substantial character.

But the Secretary informs us that between forty and fifty men are employed in the field this year, and that there is very little money with which to pay them, therefore the board will have to report a debt to the next State Convention unless extra and successful efforts are made to raise money between now and the time of holding the convention. We notice that during money panics there are a great many pastors and deacons too ready to listen to the cry of hard times; but there are many faithful and zealous pastors, deacons and laymen, who have vigorously urged the necessity of meeting the demands, and the result has been that their churches have contributed almost as liberally as in other years.

The folly of hap-hazard methods of raising money for the various causes of the church have become so apparent to the business men of our churches,

that they have determined to bring about a change in this matter. Many of our churches have procured the church canvassing book and others have adopted the envelope system, which they have found of great assistance in raising their collections. Each of these methods, and especially the use of the canvassing book, we heartily recommend to all the churches of the Association. These books can be had free of cost on application to Bro. W. B. Crumpton, Marion, Ala

We urge that monthly or quarterly collections be taken up in all the churches for the cause of missions, as the State Board has done a great work for the church in building up the weak and helpless churches, and should be constantly aided in its work of pushing the spread of the gospel of our Lord in every portion of the field where the church is not self sustaining. Most of our people are missionary in spirit, and would be in practice, if they only understood better the working of our different boards, and had competent men to lead and instruct them. How sad it is to know that some of our ministers and laymen of influence sometimes throw impediments in the way, instead of striving to increase a love of giving to this great cause. Can we expect to receive God's choice blessings so long as we withhold from him the tithes we owe him?

Fraternally submitted,

G. D. O'Rear, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We your Committee on Home Missions, beg leave to submit the following:

The rapid and increasing influx of people from other nationalities into the field covered by the Home Mission Board makes it of great importance that we meet them with an open Bible and a pure gospel. The rapid development in material resources in our Southern country invites to our limits a large portion of the emigration of the United States. The experience of the civil authorities with this class of people, shows how important it is to Christianize them. This work is being encouraged greatly, but it should be enlarged so as to place the gospel in reach of the entire foreign population.

The Indians, notwithstanding their peculiar dispositions, are being civilized and Christianized, and we hope the day will soon come when the majority of the Indian population will be believers in Christ.

The rapid changes going on in the South greatly affect the native population. Many Baptist communities, once strong in numbers and wealth, have been greatly weakened by not having a leader. The Missionary ought to be in every community, town and city to organize these Baptists into working forces. We realize that the Baptists are doing a great good in this work, but think, that by united effort more good can be acccomplished. Then, as Christians and Baptists, let us strive to advance the cause ef Christ in our Home Mission field.

W. F. Sides, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the North River Baptist Association, now assembled in her 58th session:

Your Committee on Foreign Missions, would report the following:

Mission Statistics.—Ordained missionaries, 40; female missionaries, 55; native ordained ministers, 23; other native helpers, 53; stations and out stations, 185; organized churches, 67; members, about 2,377; members added during the year, 411; schools, 22; pupils, 823.

We would call your attention to China, that great pagan empire, with its teaming population of over four hundred millions. The death rate of this vast empire is 12,441,600 annually. Dear brethren, just think! This death rate would depopulate the United States in five years. And now, my dear brethren, I ask you with all candor, to think just for a few moments of over twelve millions of Chinamen going down to death and to Christless graves annually, and then decide whether you have been faithful in sending them the gospel.

We have missions in three parts of this vast empire: In S. E. China, at Canton and surrounding towns; in central China, at Shanghai, Chinking,

Soochow and villages around: in N. E. China, at Tungchow, Whang-Hien and Pingtu, with the neighboring towns.

STATISTICS FOR 1890-91.

Missionaries, 42; native helpers, 30; organized churches, 14; with over 40 out stations; baptisms, 98; members, 790; schools, 16; pupils, 457; contributions, $890 09

We next invite your attention to the dark continent of Africa. The first work done on this continent by Southern Baptists, was done in the year 1821. But the Southern Baptist Convention began its work there in 1846

But for some years prior to 1875 the mission was practically abandoned, no American missionary being on the field. But in the year 1875, Rev. W. J David and Rev. W W Colley were sent as missionaries to this deserted field. It makes one's heart thrill with the mission spirit, to hear brother David tell of his reception by the little Christian band he found waiting and watching for the white man, the missionary.

At present we have missionaries, native and foreign, 16: baptisms, 5; members, 58; pupils in school, 149; churches and chapels, 5

Dear brethren, the Great God has said that, "Ethiopia shall stretch forth her hands to God."

Our Indian mission was begun in 1871, under charge of W. V. Cote And in 1873, Dr. George B. Taylor was appointed our missionary to Rome. Dr. Taylor has been reinforced by Elder J H. Eager, who is a zealous, faithful worker.

STATISTICS.—Missionaries, native and foreign, 15; churches, 14; with over 50 preaching places; baptisms, 25; members, 300: in almost every important city, from the Alps to the Gulf of Taranto, a light is burning from a gospel candle-stick.

In 1879, the Southern Baptist Convention commenced its work in Brazil, by sending Elder E. H. Quillian as missionary to Santa Barbara. Also we learn that God, our Heavenly Father, was preparing in yet another way to advance our mission work among the Brazilians, in the person of Gen. A. T. Hawthorne, who refugeed from the South to Brazil soon after the war. This gentleman, was so kindly received and so hospitably treated by the Brazilians, that there was a very strong attachment set up between himself and them. And it so happened in the wise providence of God that about the time our Southern Baptist Convention was considering Brazil as a mission field, this gentleman returned to his birth-land and was converted to the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was then his heart went out in its longing to the land of his adoption, to send the gospel to Brazil. Hence he began to plead for Brazil in Texas, and through his appeals the hearts of some young men and women were stirred by the desire to carry the gospel to the Brazilians, and God, by his divine grace, opened the hearts and the pockets of many of our good brethren in the Lone Star State. Hence it is, that so many of our missionaries in Brazil are from Texas. In the year 1881, Rev W. B. Bagby and wife sailed for Brazil, and they have been followed by several others, until our forces there number, missionaries, 13; churches, 8: with some 18 or 20 out stations; baptisms, 83: members, 382.

In the year 1880 the Board appointed Rev. J. O. Westrup, as its first missionary to Mexico, who was murdered in December of the same year, by a body of Indians and Mexicans. Rev. W. D. Powell having been sent to Mexico to investigate the murder of the Rev. Westrup, while there he saw and felt the great spiritual need of Mexico as never before. And hence he gave himself to God and Mexico and to our Board to fill the place of the murdered Westrup And our Board sent him out in 1881, and he at once entered on his work. Our work has been very gratifying in Mexico. We have there, missionaries 22; assisted by a number of native evangelists; churches, 28; with quite a number of stations where the converts have not been organized into churches; baptisms, 147; members, 355; pupils, 172.

Japan, whose door has been so long closed against the gospel, is now occupied by our Board. In the year 1860, two missionaries were sent out for Japan, but were lost at sea, and have never been heard of since. But the Board in 1889, selected Rev. J. A. Brunson, of South Carolina, and J.

W. McCollum, of Alabama, who, with their wives, sailed in October, 1889, for Yokahoma. We have no statistics from this field.

Dear brethren, should we not with renewed energy and zeal apply ourselves to the great work of evangelizing and Christianizing this world for our God and his Christ?

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Rogers, Chairman.

Report on Education was read, and, after being discussed by R. M. Hunter and others, was adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The word educate comes from two latin words, *e*, meaning out, and *duco*, to lead, and hence means to lead out, to develop, to cultivate, to strengthen, to train. It does not mean alone to acquire knowledge, but also to cultivate, to strengthen.

Some one has said that "Education forms the common mind," and when we compare the giant intellect of a Webster or a Gladstone to that of a child we can but accept as true the assertion, for what is the mind until it is educated, developed, led out But education is not confined alone to the leading-out, storing and training of the mind, but is equally applicable to the moral man and this moral education is the far more important of the two. How many shipwrecks of life because of the neglect of moral training along with the intellectual. Too much importance cannot be attached to the proper moral and intellectual training of our people. And it is very gratifying to see the increased interest manifested on behalf of education throughout our association. Eight and ten months' schools in many parts of our country have of late years taken the place of the three months' summer school and some of our people are now having their children take a thorough course of study in some of our many excellent colleges, foremost amongst which is the Howard, at East Lake; the Judson, at Marion; the Southern Female University, at Florence, and the Central Female College, at Tuscaloosa.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheriff Lacy, Chairman.

REPORT ON PRAYER AND PRAYER MEETINGS.

We, your committee on Prayer and Prayer Meetings, beg leave to report the following:

We are sorry to know that some of the churches have not reported in their letters prayer meetings. We are taught in God's word that "he that cometh to God through Christ, he will in no wise cast out." How can we come to God in that way but in supplication? Prayer is the effort of the soul to rise to its God from whence it came Prayer is the only way in which we can make our wants known to God. Therefore, we recommend that each church in this association organize and keep up a regular prayer meeting once a week, and when we meet for that purpose, we must believe that we receive the things we ask for, or we will go away unbenefited. Some of the objects for which we are to pray are found in Paul's writings to his brethren. We are to pray always and not to faint. By continual prayer we are brought closer to God, and there remain at Jesus' feet.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Sumner, Ch'n.

The following reports were read and adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Finance Committee	$ 99 26	
for L B Harbin	12 95	
Total Receipts	$112 21	
Paid W. B. Crumpton for Foreign Missions		—$ 37 91
W. B. Crumpton for Home Missions		12 45
L. B. Harbin		12 95
for printing minutes		30 00
for Clerk fee		15 00
for postage and paper		3 00
Total amount paid out		$111 31
Balance on hand		90

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Watts, Treasurer.

Appointed J. S. Watts, Treasurer.

On motion a special committee was appointed on aged and infirm ministers, to-wit: G. D. O'Rear, R. A. Baker, O. N. Dobbs.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your committee on Documents have examined into the papers and documents handed to us. We beg leave to say that we find petitions, to-wit: From New River, Union, Marion county; Pleasant Grove, Fayette county, and Eldridge churches, asking for letters of dismission for the purpose of uniting with other churches from other associations, and constituting a new association. We recommend that the associa ion grant said churches letters of dismission. We find nothing else that claims the attention of the body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. McDuff, Ch'n.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on Nominations, report as follows:

To preach the Introductory Sermon at our next association: James Hilton; J. R Sartain, alternate. To preach Sunday at 11 o'clock, R. M. Hunter; L H. Baker, alternate. The following named brethren are nominated to go to the Baptist State Convention: G D. O'Rear, J. W. Rogers, James Hilton, R. A. Baker, O. N. Dobbs, S W. Vice, W. B. Appling, S Lacy, J F. McDuff and R L. Baker Also name R M. Hunter to go to the Southern Baptist Convenven; L. B. Harbin, alternate. And recommend that the next session of this association be held with Townley church, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1893.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Appling, Ch'n.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance, ask to report as follows.

Received for minutes	$ 28 62
Received for associational purposes	8 75
Received for State Missions, money and vouchers	123 92
Received for Home Missions, money and vouchers	21 95
Received for Foreign Missions, money and vouchers	27 44
Total amount in cash and vouchers	$210 68

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. Baker, Ch'n.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Executive Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

A meeting of this committee was held on the 28th day of May, 1892, at Townley church, Bros. D. J Files and J. P. Mooney being absent. At this meeting the question of the advisability of putting one or more missionaries in this field, was considered and discussed, and a number of brethren from various parts of our territory consulted in reference to the matter.

No definite steps were taken, however, or resolved upon at this meeting, but the committee adjourned to meet with Jasper church on the 11th day of June, when the matter was again taken up. The committee called for propositions from brethren who might feel impressed to do mission work at its meeting at Townley church, and at its meeting in Jasper the following propositions were made to the committee:

Bro James Hilton offered to take work in the destitute portions of our association at $30 per month, looking to us for $15 per month, and taking his chances to raise the balance among the people whom he should serve.

Bro J. E. Barnard offered to take work at $40 per month, looking to the association for $15 per month, and taking chances to raise the balance from his work.

Bro. W. T. Rutledge offered to take work at $45 per month, and expected the association to assume the whole liability.

The committee resolved to put two men in the field, and on motion of Bro McLane, we accepted the propositions of Bros. Hilton and Barnard, agreeing to pay them $15 per moth for services actually rendered, and requested them, if possible, to put in as much as three months' time before the meeting of the association. This work was divided between these brothers by your committee, Bro Hilton to look after the work within our bounds east and north of Lost creek, and Bro Barnard that part west and south of Lost creek. These brothers were instructed to make monthly reports to your committee, and also to make a full report to this association at this time. Their reports will show to the association the work they have accomplished.

Attached hereto is a statement of receipts and disbursements by your committee during the past associational year:

1892		
	To balance on hand from last year	$ 24 96
May 29.	Cash collected 5th Sunday meeting at Townley church, Centennial fund	18 35
June 27	Cash D. J. Files, Samaria church	4 25
July 31.	Cash Day Gap Church	11 65
Aug, 6.	Cash John G. Cook for Day Gap church	5 00
Sept. 10.	Cash Jasper church	14 85
Sept. 25.	Cash basket collection	11 15
" "	Cash on subscription and pledges	29 00
Total		$119 21

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May 30.	Amount paid W. B. Crumpton (Centennial fund)	$18 00	
June 6.	Amount paid Jas. Hilton	15 00	
" "	Amount paid minute book	10	
July 11	Amount paid J. E. Barnard	14 15	
Aug 30	Amount paid Jas. Hilton	15 00	
Sept. 20	Amount paid J. E. Barnard	14 85	
" 23.	Amount paid Mountain Eagle	1 50	
" 25.	Amount paid James Hilton	20 05	$98 65
	Balance on hand		$20 56

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. APPLING, Ch'n.

REPORT OF J. E. BERNARD, MISSIONARY.

Number of Sermmons preached	37
Miles traveled	550
Families visited	175
Constituted one church in connection with Jas. Hilton.	
Received by baptism	7
By letter	14
Total	21
Visited churches	15
Worked	58 days.
Collected in the field	$36 08
Collected from Executive Committee	29 00—$65 08

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. BARNARD, Missionary.

REPORT OF JAMES HILTON,

Missionary for the North River Association, beginning June 19th and ending September 21st, 1892.

Miles traveled	406
Sermons preached	85
Prayers	90
Exhortations	34
Families visited	100
Churches visited	17
Churches constituted	3
Deacons ordained	2
Sabbath-schools organized	2
Sabbath school addresses	20
Baptized	18
Approved for baptism	5
Baptisms in connection with my work	18
Received by letter	49
Received from the churches	$23 70
Received from individuals	18 25
Received from Executive Committee	50 05
Total amount received	$92 00

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. HILTON, Missionary.

On motion, the Executive Committee was authorized to pay to Jas. Hilton $4.05 to make his monthly pay up to $30 per month.

The Moderator appointed Executive Committee, to-wit: J. F. Appling, G. D. O'Rear, D. J. Files, D. H. Clifton and W. F. Sides.

Adjourned to meet at 7:30 o'clock to-night.

NIGHT SESSION.

At 7:30 o'clock p. m. met pursuant to adjournment, and after prayer by J. W. Ferguson, was called to order.

Appointed Standing Committees, to-wit:

On Sunday-schools—S. W. Vice, R. F. Sumner, R. A. Baker.
Temperance—S. Lacy, J. F. Appling, Arthur Crocker.
State Missions—J. W. Rogers, W. T. Rutledge, C. H. Day.
Home Missions—R. M. Hunter, E. T. Whitson, Wm. Patton.

Foreign Missions—Jas Hilton, D. A Kemp, J W. Bagwell.
Education—G. D. O'Rear, D H Clifton, L. H. Baker.
Religious Literature—J. F Appling, N H. Harbin, E. L Lankford.
Vocal Music—H. G. Amerson, W. F. Sides, Rich L Baker
Prayer and Prayer Meetings—I. R. Sartain, G G. Bagwell, A. P. Smith.
Aged and Infirm Ministers—O. N. Dobbs, J. A. Sumner, P. M. Stewart.

The following reports were read and adopted:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We, your committee on Religious Literature, report as follows:
We recommend the Southern Baptist Convention Series as a Sunday-school Literature, and we recommend that the brethren of our association, in buying any religious books, buy them from our book depository at Opelika, Ala., of which J. B Collier is agent. We further recommend as religious newspapers the Alabama Baptist, published at Montgomery, Ala., although the subscription price may seem to be high; the Home Field, published at Atlanta, Ga ; the State Mission Quarterly, printed at Marion, Ala.; the Western Recorder, printed at Louisville, Ky., and the American Baptist, printed at St. Louis, Mo And we hereby urge upon all our people the great importance of placing religious literature in their families We also recommend the American Baptist Publication Society, and we state that they publish a good Sunday school literature.

Respectfully submitted,

J I. McCollum, Ch'n.

REPORT ON VOCAL MUSIC.

We, your committee on Music beg leave to report: That so far as our knowledge extends, the interest in music has materially advanced since our last session. We urge the pastors of churches to see to it that choirs are formed in their congregations, with leaders who understand music, provided with the very best books, who shall meet statedly to study and practice sacred music. We note a tendency, which we regret, upon the part of modern music teachers to adopt and bring into general use, a class of undenominational, and in many cases, unscriptural hymns, leading away farther and farther from the good old hymns full of the gospel, that our fathers sung. We think it a good time to call a halt and return to the old land marks.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. Walton, Ch'n.

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

We, your committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers, report as follows:
There comes under our knowledge no one except our beloved and worthy brother, L. B Harbin, who has worn himself out in the bounds of this association, and is now prostrate upon a bed of affliction and needs our attention. Therefore, we recommend that we now take up a collection for him.

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. O'Rear, Ch'n.

Then a collection was taken for L. B. Harbin, amounting to $13.61.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

We, your committee on Apportionment, request the pastors and members of the different churches of this association to try to raise, by beginning at once, the amounts placed opposite their names, for missionary purposes:

Bethabara	$ 17 00	Mt. Zion	$15 00
Bethlehem	20 00	Mt. Joy	18 00
Bethel	10 00	Mt. Hermon	5 50

Berry Station	10 00	Mt. Carmel	12 50
Day's Gap	25 00	New Hope	10 00
Gamble Mines	10 00	New Prospect	15 00
Hepsibah	7 50	Oregonia	15 00
Jasper	100 00	Pleasant Grove	40 00
Lebanon	12 00	Providence	30 00
Liberty Grove	12 50	Pleasant Field	10 00
Liberty	12 00	Samaria	35 00
Salem	10 00	Union Grove No. 1	5 00
Townley	15 00	Carbon Hill	7 50
Union	7 50	Zion	13 00

Respectfully submitted,

G. D. O'Rear, Ch'n

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, There seems to be considerable difference of opinion among the brethren as to the best method of raising funds to promote the cause of missions; therefore, be it

Resolved, That at the next regular session of the North River Baptist Association, each church report the amount of mission money it will pay to forward the different branches of the work.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. Baker.

Resolved, 1st, That the Sunday-schools of the North River Association meet at some place and time in the future, for the purpose of organizing a Sunday-school Covention.

Resolved, 2nd, That the churches that have no Sunday-schools meet at once and organize Sunday-schools, and also meet in said Convention. We suggest Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1893, as the time, and Day's Gap as the place, for said meeting.

On motion, the Clerk was authorized to accept the proposition offered by the American Baptist Publication Society to insert their advertisement in minutes. Resolution adopted.

Resolved, That we tender thanks to Bethlehem church and community for their hospitality, kindness and attention during this association.

W. A. Kimbrell, Jr.

Resolved, That we have eight hundred copies of the minutes of this association printed, and that the Clerk be allowed $15 for his services.

G. D O'Rear.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to examine the proof sheet of our minutes, to correct all errors that may occur, consisting of the Moderator, Clerk and S. Lacy.

J. F. Appling.

Resolved that this body tender thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for their efficient services during this session of our association.

G. D. O'Rear.

On motion, the Clerk was authorized to correct the errors in the Order of Business.

On motion, the minutes were read, roll called and absentees marked.

After prayer and extending the parting hand, the association adjourned, to meet with Townley church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, A. D., 1893

W. B. APPLING, Moderator.

J. S. Watts, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

L B. Harbin.....Jug, Ala.
R. M. Hunter.....Jasper, "
J R. Sartain.....Day's Gap, "
W. P. Smith.....Saragossa, "
S. A. Smith.....Jasper, "
J. W. Rogers.....Jasper, "
C. C. Collins.....Narvoo, "
Jas. Hilton.....Narvoo, "
W. T. Rutledge.....King, "
Wm. Patton.....Patton, "
A. Kilgore.....Patton, "
J. H Pool.....Birmingham, "
H. A. Key.....Jug, "
Z J. Amerson.....Toledo, "
L H. Baker.....Toledo, "
W. B. Earnest.....Toledo, "
J. T. Busbee.....Jug, "
J. T. Jones.....Corona, "
J. W. Snow.....Jug, "
M D. L Sanders.....Horse Creek, "
L. Williams.....Baldo, "
E H. Tuggle.....Quinton, "
J. L Sanders.....Horse Creek, "
Ansley Brown.....Jasper, "
O. N. Dobbs.....Oregonia, "
C. R. McCord.....Oregonia, "

STATISTICS OF NORTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1892.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership Last Reported.	Inc're by Baptism.	Inc're by Letter.	Inc're by Restoration.	Decr's by Letter.	Decr's by Exclusion.	Decr's by Deaths.	Total Membership.	Minute Fund.	Associational Fund.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Pastors' Salary.	Sunday Meetings.	No. of S. Schools.	Prayer Meetings.	Other Purposes.
Bethabara	A. Gilgore	F. M. Kimball	Berry Station	47	3	4	...	8	6	2	38	$ 77	$...	$ 1 80	$.....	$ 50	$ 15 00	4	...	..	$.....
Bethlehem	O. N Dobbs	E. T. Whitson	Berry Station	84	...	4	1	13	...	...	79	1 25	55	8 45	.....	.....	30 80	3 12	1	..	.....
Bethel	J. T Jones	Jas. Willcutt, Jr.	Day's Gap	41	1	3	1	6	3	...	37	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	...	..	.....
Berry Station	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	..	.....
Day's Gay	J. E. Cox	J. M. Beavers	Day's Gap	34	5	18	...	.....	2	...	56	1 50	1 00	17 00	.....	.....	36 50	1	1	1	.....
Carbon Hill	Jas. Hilton	A. P. Smith	Carbon Hill	.....	2	8	...	...	...	...	18	1 00	...	.....	.....	.....	60 00	3	..	..	.....
Friendship	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	..	.....
Gamble Mines	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	..	.....
Hepsibah	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	..	.....
Jasper	R. M. Hunter	Sheriff Lacy	Jasper	100	3	9	1	12	2	...	98	3 00	2 00	51 12	14 95	14 91	700 00	1 2 3 4	2	1	201 28
Lebanon	A. Kilgore	W. P. Thacker	Patton	53	...	...	1	8	10	1	32	1 00	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	..	.....
Liberty Grove	C. C. Collins	J. M. Sides	Kirk	45	...	2	1	5	4	...	38	1 15	.....	4 00	3 00	3 0	34 42	3	..	1	.....
Liberty	C. C. Collins	C Jackson	Narvoo	23	13	5	...	7	...	...	34	1 25	45	10 50	.....	.....	40 00	1	..	1	.....
Mt. Zion	L. H. Baker	N. Thacker	Patton	45	4	3	1	3	...	...	53	1 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	25 00	1 2 4	..	..	.....
Mt. Joy	Wm. Patton	H G. Amerson	Toledo	56	...	...	1	16	1	...	38	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	3	...	1	.....
Mt. Carmel	J. W. Rogers	J. A. Sumner	Cordova	63	...	...	...	3	1	2	57	1 10	.....	2 65	.....	.....	60 00	1	...	..	35 00
Mt. Hermon	L. H. Baker	W. A. Kimbrell, Jr	Berry Station	10	3	2	...	.....	...	...	15	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	..	.....
Mt. Olive	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	..	.....
New Hope	O. N. Dobbs	A. B. Clements	Oregonia	64	..	..	..	..	..	1	62	1 50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	..	.....
New Prospect	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	..	.....
Oregonia	O. N. Dobbs	W. R. Utley	Oregonia	34	..	8	2	4	4	1	39	1 00	50	.....	.....	.....	36 05	1	...	..	.....
Pleasant Grove	J. R Sartain	W. F. Sides	Day's Gap	180	21	2	...	5	...	...	194	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	...	..	.....
Providence	J. R. Sartain	Wm. Watts	Day's Gap	99	...	...	...	2	...	...	97	2 00	1 00	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	..	.....
Pleasant Field	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	..	.....
Sardis	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	..	.....
Samaria	C. C. Collins	J. W Garner	Jasper	86	7	3	...	5	1	1	89	2 00	1 00	8 05	.....	.....	100 00	1 2	...	..	.....
Salem	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	..	.....
Townley	Wm. Patton	J K. P. Manasco	Townley	54	10	7	...	1	...	...	79	1 50	50	5 00	.....	.....	40 00	3	1	1	.....
Union Grove No. 1.	O. N. Dobbs	G. W. Baker	Corona	16	11	13	...	...	1	...	39	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	..	.....
Union	Wm. Randolph	Arthur Crocker	Jasper	...	7	18	...	.....	...	...	31	1 00	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	..	.....
Zion	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	..	.....
New River	J. I. McCollum	J. T. Sherer	Dry Creek	31	....	2	...	.....	...	1	54	1 00	65	6 00	.....	.....	7 00	.....	1	1	.....
Total	.....	.....	.....	1167	90	111	9	98	35	9	1248	$28 62	$8 75	$118 07	$17 95	$23 44	$1259 77	.....	6	7	$236 28

Names of Sunday-School Superintendents: Bethlehem, E. T. Whitson; Day's Gap, J S. Watts: Jasper, J. F. Appling.
Names of Churches Organized during year: Mt. Hermon, Union, Carbon Hill. Names of churches dismissed to other Associations: New River, Union and Eldridge Churches. Pleasant Grove to form a new Association.

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